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1. The Border Guard Command has under its jurisdiction four border guard brigades, the Lugoj Border Guard Division, several training centers, and a border guard boat group.
2. The organization and dispersement of the four brigades is known to be as follows:
 - a. The Oradea Border Guard Brigade is composed of two regiments, each regiment having three battalions. The brigade is charged with guarding the frontier in the sector between Oradea and Arad. The commander of the Brigade is Colonel Grigore Dobrescu.
 - b. The Bucharest Border Guard Brigade is also composed of two regiments with three battalions each. The 1 Regiment has headquarters in Bucharest; the 2 Regiment has headquarters in Braila. The brigade is in charge of the Bulgarian frontier, the Black Sea shore, and the delta of the Danube up to Reni.
 - c. The Timisoara Border Guard Brigade is organized in three regiments, with three battalions each. It is in charge of guarding the Yugoslav frontier. It is the best supplied and most complete of the brigades. The commander is Colonel David.
 - d. The Iasi Border Guard Brigade is composed of two regiments with three battalions each.
3. The Command Staff of a Brigade is composed of approximately 5 to 6 officers. The Brigade mission is to control and give guidance to the

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regiments which compose it, and also to control and guide some of the training centers.

4. Organization of a Border Guard Regiment

a. Command Staff

- (1) Commandant, Political Assistant, Political Staff, Chief of the General Staff.
- (2) Offices of General Staff: Personnel (complement of Regiment), Organization, Information (intelligence), Training, Frontier Guard, Secretariat, Adjutant's Office.
- (3) Commander of the Rear. Rear Command operates the following offices: supply, armaments and ammunition, quarters, cashiers, sanitation, veterinary, care of premises.

5. Units of a Border Guard Regiment

- a. One command group of about 15 men.
- b. Three organized battalions each with a Commander and Political Assistant.
- c. The battalion has two, three, or four guard companies. This number depends upon the size of the sector covered. The complement of a battalion, in general, is 500 to 700 men.

6. Organization of Companies

- a. Commander, Political Assistant, Commander of the Rear.
- b. One command group (about 20 to 30 men).
- c. The company is composed of three or four platoons, depending on the size of the sector to be guarded. Each of the platoons has a commander and a political commander. The platoon is divided into pickets and fixed posts. The complement of a platoon is from 50 to 80 men. The complement of a picket is about 20 men. The complement of a fixed post is from three to five men.

7. Armament

Beretta pocket pistols for the cadre; Z.B. rifles, caliber 7.92; Automatic rifles Z.B., caliber 7.92; Z.B. machine guns, caliber 7.92; Orita automatic pistols and P.P.S. automatic pistols; hand grenades for offense and defense.

8. Equipment

Very well equipped. Winter uniforms heavily padded. The equipment is changed as soon as it gets slightly worn.

9. Food

Very good in quality and quantity. The troops receive a daily equivalent of 4,000 calories. Those who are not on guard duty receive 3,200 daily.

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10. Training

The soldiers undergo an initial training period of six months as recruits in the training centers of the Border Guard Units. In the training centers they also acquire some specialized skills. After this period they are sent to various border guard units on the frontiers.

They continue technical army training and also specialized training while they are in the guard units.

11. Complements of Border Guard Regiments

The complement of a regiment is from 2,000 to 2,500 men. All the regiments are organized in a similar way. The differences lie only in the sizes of the regiments and the variation is determined by the size and importance of the frontier area to be guarded.

The Yugoslav frontier is the best guarded and therefore the regiments assigned to this sector have over-sized complements. Here the armaments are of the best type, and training and discipline are the most severe.

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